



City of Clermont

Gem of the Hills

CLERMONT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

Harold Turville

(Seat III)

Council Member

Timothy Bates

(Seat I)

Council Member

Ray Goodgame

(Seat II)

Council Member

Keith Mullins

(Seat IV)

Council Member

Rick VanWagner

(Seat V)



The 25th Annual Light Up Clermont celebration will be held in Historic Downtown Clermont Thursday, December 5; Friday, December 6; and Saturday, December 7, 2013.

The Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Waterfront Pavilion at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 5.

Friday, December 6 will kick-off with the Rotary Santa Fun Run at 6:15pm at Waterfront Park. The annual Light Up ceremony has a new location this year and will take place at the corner of Montrose Street and 7th Street at 6:30pm. The downtown celebration will continue until 9:00pm. Enjoy the festivities with Family Food Trucks on Minneola Avenue, horse-drawn carriage rides at 8th Street and Minneola Avenue, and photos with Santa and Mrs. Clause at the Clermont Community Center.

Do not miss out on the performances by Legacy Church, Trinity, Caponi's Canolis, East Ridge High School's Rhythm of the Knight, and Clermont Middle School's Flight of Sound Jazz Ensemble.

The festivities will continue on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00am until 3:00pm with a holiday craft show, music, entertainment, and food vendors along Montrose Street and 8th Street. There will be performances by Not Just Dance, Clermont Middle School Choir, Woodlands Lutheran Church Choir, Windy Hill Middle School Choir, Grassy Lake Elementary School Chorus, Rodgers String Studio, the Lodatelo Music Institute. The Hometown Holiday Parade will begin at 1:00pm.

For more information, please contact the Events and Recreation Department at 352.241.7352.

VISION PLAN UPDATE

Since the third Community Visioning session held on July 24, 2013, the City has been very busy. Currently the City is in the process of soliciting consultants to develop our Downtown Master Plan. A consultant should be selected by the end of the year.

The City is also meeting with companies specializing in

Splash Parks; an item the community felt would be a great feature in the Downtown-Waterfront area and one which is high on the priority list.

The City Council has submitted a proposal to acquire the Celebration of Praise property. This opportunity is being pursued and; if it comes to fruition, could offer other amenities the

community has said they wanted. Amenities such as a community pool, recreation center, gymnasium, and theatre.

The City is moving forward based on the input of the community and is excited about the future of Clermont.

CITY OF CLERMONT ELECTIONS



The City of Clermont Election for Seat 4 was held on November 5, 2013.

Keith E. Mullins received the highest number of votes cast and was re-elected to fill Seat 4.

On November 12, 2013, Ray Goodgame and Keith Mullins were sworn in to serve another two-year term on the Clermont City Council.

STORMWATER

The City of Clermont maintains 88 miles of Stormwater pipe and drains and 64 basins and retention ponds. The Stormwater Department helps to maintain all of the stormwater runoff to Clermont's lakes to ensure that public fresh water resources are maintained to the Environmental Protection Agency's standards for the State of Florida. With proper maintenance and treatment of the City's stormwater system and runoff into the public fresh

water areas, everyone can continue to enjoy the natural beauty of Clermont.

Residents can help prevent polluted runoff by using fertilizers and chemicals sparingly, maintaining septic systems, picking up pet wastes, and keeping grass clippings and other debris away from stormwater drains.



*Thank you for
your generosity
and have a
blessed
Holiday
Season.*

*The Employees of the
City of Clermont*

COMMUNITY ANGEL TREE

Please join in the Holiday Spirit by participating in our Annual Community Angel Tree Program. Our Tree is located on the first floor in the lobby of City Hall and is decorated with angel tags specifically for our adopted Holiday Families.

Please remove an angel from the tree and purchase an appropriate gift as suggested on the tag.



Return the unwrapped gift, along with the original tag, to the Utility Billing Department located on the first floor of City Hall.

Please return all gifts by 5:00pm on Friday, December 13. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, the donations will be used to purchase additional gifts or gift cards from local merchants.

COLD WEATHER TIP

When the temperature dips below 32 degrees, there is a chance that any exterior exposed pipes may freeze. Back flow devices are especially susceptible to the cold weather and possible freezing. It is advisable to insulate any exposed pipe to help prevent them from freezing.



Residents of the City of Clermont are encouraged to take advantage of the recycling

RECYCLING

program. All recyclables may be placed in the same recycling container.

Acceptable items include newspapers, glossy magazines, paper, aluminum cans, steel food cans, glass, plastics, cardboard, and batteries placed in a zip lock bags.

Do not include plastic wrap, plastic bags, light bulbs, plate glass, drinking glass, ovenware, crystal, clay, ceramics, or lead-acid batteries such as automotive or marine batteries.

For more information, please call 352.241.0178.

LIFE SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Clermont Fire Department was recently presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award for its Fire Prevention accomplishments in 2012. The award was handed out by the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research Foundation in partnership with the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes fire departments for their Fire Prevention programs that have been proven to save lives year after year.

Since 1994, the Life Safety Achievement Award has recognized local fire prevention efforts that have contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. The Clermont Fire Department is one of 117 fire departments across the United States to receive the award this year for recording zero fire deaths in 2012 or reducing fire deaths by at least ten percent during the year.



Effective November 2, 2013 all City of Clermont utility customers are permitted to water their lawns and landscape only one day per week.

WATER CONSERVATION

Effective November 2, 2013, Clermont utility customers watering schedule is as follows:

Odd number residential addresses can water only on Saturday.

Even number residential addresses can water only on Sunday.

Businesses and Homeowner Association common areas can water only on Tuesday.

Summit Greens

Odd number residential addresses can water only on Monday.

Even number addresses can water only on Tuesday.

Southern Fields and Regency Hills

Odd number addresses can water only on Thursday.

Even number addresses can water only on Friday.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Conservation Coordinator at 352.241.0178.

NATIONAL FIRE SAFETY COUNCIL AWARD

The Clermont Fire Department recently received a five-year award from the National Fire Safety Council and the Firepup Program for outstanding and dedicated service to fire and burn prevention. The National Fire Safety Council works with fire departments throughout the United States.

The Council's fire safety educational programs of materials and services are provided to communities exclusively through local fire departments. Nearly 150 pieces of informative materials and programs help millions of children and adults annually.

The National Fire Safety Council collected \$10,500 over the past five years and distributed 20,493 pieces of material. Each fire department's program cost is financially supported by local business leaders and citizens who recognize the need for action against loss by fire.



City Officials

City Manager

Darren Gray

Assistant City Manager

Scott Blankenship

Fire Chief

Carle Bishop

Finance Director

Joseph VanZile

City Clerk

Tracy Ackroyd

Environmental Services Director

James Kinzler

Police Chief

Charles Broadway

Planning & Zoning Director

Barbara Hollerand

Economic Development Director

Jim Hitt

Recreation and Events Director

Dave Teske

Information Technology Director

Don Dennis

Public Works Director

Stoney Brunson

Human Resources Director

Susan Irby

City Engineer

Terry Dykehouse

The following meetings are held in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 685 West Montrose Street each month:

- Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00pm
- Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm
- Code Enforcement meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm

Meeting Cancellation

The second regularly scheduled Council meeting date in December has been cancelled. The cancellation is due to the Christmas holiday falling on the meeting date.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

There is no change to the garbage collection schedule for December 24, 2013 and December 25, 2013.



City Hall

352.394.4081

Fire Department

352.394.7662

Police Department

352.394.5588

Public Works

352.394.7177

Water, Wastewater, Sanitation, Stormwater

352.241.0178

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

City Hall will be closed on:

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

and

Wednesday, December 25, 2013

in observance of

Christmas

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

in observance of

New Year's Day

Monday, January 20, 2014

in observance of

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day